MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) In July, 1992, a complaint was received by Government regarding harassment of a Field Officer of Gurgaon Gramin Bank belonging to Scheduled Caste. This matter was enquired in to by the Sponsor Bank. The enquiry of the Sponsor Bank did not reveal any instance of harassment or bias on the basis of caste. Sponsor Bank has reported that it received another complaint from some SC/ST employees of the Bank alleging harassment and discrimination to them in the matter of transfers and postings. The Sponsor Bank has reported after inquiry that no discriminatory attitude was shown to the employees in such matters.

NABARD enquiry into complaints against Gurgaon Gramin Bank

2593. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are reports of complaints of corruption against the present Chairman and General Manager of Gurgaon Gramin Bank (Haryana) including a payment of Rs. 50,000 to the Chairman through the account of a client of TAURU Branch where benami deposits of about rupees 50 lakhs were routed through at the behest of the Chairman; and

(b) whether any enquiry was conducted in this regard by NABARD; if so; what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Complaints were received against the then Chairman of Gurgaon Gramin Bank (Haryana) including certain transactions at Tauru branch and the matter was enquired into by the Sponsor Bank and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Now the matter has been referred to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a fresh inquiry. The Chairman referred to above of the Gurgaon Gramin Bank has since been reverted to its Sponsor Bank.

Furniture purchased by settlement Commissioner

2594. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the items of furniture purchased by Settlement Commission (IT&WT), Department of Revenue, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi after issue of instructions wherein Department of Revenue, imposed restrictions to purchase furniture during 1992-93;

(b) what are the reasons that Secretary of the said Commission sought special permission of Department of Revenue under the title "furniture items were required for use in office" whereas the furniture items were directly delivered at the residence of Chairman of the Commission;

(c) what action Government propost to take against such officials of the Commission who are responsible for obtaining special permission for making such purchases on false grounds; and

(d) what were the circumstances in which an additional item of furniture was also accepted from supplier for which neither any demand was made nor the bill has been paid by the Commission to the supplier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) During the